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Photo/1st Lt. Geoffrey Fischer Ashley Brooks and Megan Berthelette decorate a Christmas tree in an office. Now that the holidays are here, hours of operation for various base agencies will have some

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Holiday hours of operation

The following are the holiday hours of operation for various base facilities and services. All services are closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 unless specifically noted.

• Oceanview Snack Bar

Dec. 22, 26 and Jan. 2, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Dec. 24 and 31, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

• Crossroads Snack Bar

Dec. 22, 25 and Jan. 1, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, 24-hours.

Outdoor recreation

Dec. 22, closed; Dec. 24 and 31, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Dec. 26, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Jan. 2, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Top of the Rock Club

Dec. 22, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Dec. 24, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Dec. 31, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

• Hillside Bowling Lanes

Dec. 22 and Jan. 2, 24-hours; Dec. 24 and 31, closes at 4 p.m.; Dec. 26 and Jan. 1, opens at 8 a.m.;

Skills development center

Dec. 22 and 31, closed; Dec. 24, noon to 6 p.m.; Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, noon to 8 p.m.

• Youth/school age program

Dec. 22 and Jan. 2, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Dec. 24 and 31, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (or until the last child has left); Dec. 26, closed.

• LYC General Membership

Dec. 22 and Jan. 2, 2 to 6 p.m.; Dec. 24, 26 and 31, closed.

Community center

Dec. 22, closed; Dec. 24 and 31, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Dec. 26, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Jan. 2, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

• Veterinary service

Dec. 22, 24 and 31, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, closed.

Child development center

Dec. 22, 24, 31 and Jan. 2, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Dec. 26, closed.

• Library

Dec. 22, 4 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24 and 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Services, AAFES team up for spaghetti dinner

The 65th Services Division and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service have joined forces to thank the base populace for their work in achieving 90 days DUI free.

A spaghetti dinner will be held at the Top of the Rock Club Dec. 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. The dinner will be free for people who hold drivers licenses and will cost \$3 for those without. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be provided free of charge.

"This appreciation dinner will be open to everyone - whether or not they are club members," said Kevin Small, 65th Services Division director. "This is our (Services and AAFES) way of saying thanks to the men and women of Team Lajes."

Air Force sets up new extension benefit

Enlisted members who extend at short tour locations or are assigned to long tour locations and hold critical/overseas imbalance specialties, are now eligible for an increased overseas tour extension incentive program.

Under the old system, Lajes members who extended for 12 months received as an option, \$80 per month. The new option gives people who extend \$2,000 in a lump sum. People who received a DEROS option rip before Oct. 1, 1997 are not eligible for the \$2,000 lump sum.

People who received their DEROS option rips Oct. 1, 1997 or later and elected a leave option instead of cash, may elect to change their option. Requests for changes must be made in writing by Jan. 30 through the MPF.

For more information, call the MPF at Ext. 21161.

ACC family day Jan. 2

December 26 has been declared a federal holiday by executive order and Jan. 2 has been declared an Air Combat Command family day. The family day will be a down day for military members and liberal leave policies are in effect for civilian employees.





Photo/Courtesy 65th CES

STEPped up

SSgt. Kevin Avila, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron plumbing shop received a surprise Wednesday morning when he was presented staff sergeant stripes under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers system. Lt. Col. Tim Gaffney, 65th CES Commander, said, "It couldn't have happened to a more deserving troop and family."

police blotter

The police blotters are true incidents which have affected the members of Lajes Field for the week of Dec. 4 - 10.

ASSAULT:

Dec. 8 — Off base, Beira Mar. Two family members were involved in a fight after a brief argument.

Dec. 8 — Vandalism, off base, secured, Beira Mar. Persons unknown cut coaxial cable from the rear of a member's residence.

BREAKING & ENTERING - DAM-AGE TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY:

Dec. 7 — Vandalism, off base, secured, T-247. Persons unknown tried to pry telephone cable from the side of the facility.

LARCENY:

Dec. 4 — Burglary, off base, secured, Santa Rita Hill. Persons unknown broke into a members quarters stealing food and money.

Dec. 5 — Burglary, off base, secured, Santa Rita Hill. Persons unknown broke into a member's quarters - an inventory revealed no missing items.

Dec. 7 — Burglary, off base, secured, Santa Rita Hill. Persons unknown broke into

a member's quarters and stole several household goods and clothing items.

Dec. 8 — Larceny, off base, secured, Santa Rita Hill. Pesons unknown removed a license plate from a member's vehicle.

Dec. 9—Burglary, off base, secured, Santa Rita Hill. Persons unknown broke into a member's quarters and stole painting supplies.

Dec. 9 — Larceny, on base, secured, T-100. Persons unknown stole several pieces of government property from a GOV.

Dec. 9—Burglary, off base, secured, Santa Rita Hill. A family member observed two people leave through the rear of her quarters. An inventory revealed no missing items.

INCIDENTS:

	Dec. 4-10	YTD
Assaults	1	14
Domestic assault	0	3
Burglary	5	40
B&E sheds	0	30
B&E Gov't Bldgs.	0	34
Larceny	2	136
Unsecured Bldg.	0	162
Vehicle accidents	0	86
DUI	0	3
Vandalism	2	77

This Old Base

Trash collection changes

Maj. Paul Munnell 65th Civil Engineer Squadron

Q: I live in military family housing and the last few times that your garbage collectors came by, they did not completely empty the trash from my trash can.

Q: I live in the dorms and your refuse collectors have left trash that is blowing around all over the place. Why?

A: Over the last few weeks, our refuse collection effort has suffered some setbacks. We've only had one refuse truck operations for more than a month. Two trucks are currently in transportation maintenance. Due to the age of our trucks, our transportation folks have been challenged for some time at keeping this old equipment on the road, and they've been performing miracles to keep the trucks going.

We're also working to get new refuse collection vehicles/equipment, but in the meantime we've been forced to resort to using stake and platform trucks to collect trash in the housing areas. Six full stakebeds equal one refuse truck, so it takes six trips to the Angra landfill versus one trips for the refuse truck. Not only does it take six times as much time to transport the waste to the landfill, but the guys must manually unload the bags from the stakebed whereas the refuse truck unloads hydraulically.

Consequently, our refuse collectors have been challenged to keep up the pace. Because of these constraints, we will now pick up refuse in military family housing and the cottages once per week. The new schedule for pickup is Lower T, Upper T and the cottages on Wednesdays and Beira Mar on Thursdays.

Q: How can I help?

A: Whether you live in MFH, the cottages or the dorm, the best actions you can take are to reduce, reuse and recycle. In addition to our recycling efforts on base, which are limited to aluminum cans, cardboard and paper, there is a collection point outside the main gate (across from the 'round house') for glass and plastic.

What waste you generate needs to be properly bagged. Last Tuesday, our refuse collectors took about an hour to clean out a trash shed next to one of the dorms - less than half of the trash was bagged. Luckily, it wasn't a typical windy Terceira winter day, or the trash would have blown around considerably.

Another way you can help is to make sure your trash bags are tied.

And, one last tip, don't overfill your bags. This makes it easier for the collectors.

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Holidays busy for firefighters

Gus Simoes
Fire protection inspector

The year-end holiday season is a prime time for residential fires. Decorative lights, candles, parties where people drink and smoke and especially the onset of the heating season, all increase the likelihood of fire. Nationwide there are 5,000 to 6,000 injuries during the typical holiday season. Make your home safe during this special time of year.

Decorating your home for the holiday season can bring joy and satisfaction when you keep fire safety in mind.

This holiday season the Lajes Fire Department urges everyone to reemphasize fire prevention in the home to assure fire-safe practices. When decorating keep in mind not to create a potential fire hazard that could cause a tragedy.

Keep the tree outside until you are ready to decorate it. Cut approximately two inches off the trunk so it will absorb water more easily, then place it in a sturdy base holder. Select a place where the tree does not block a door or hallway and that is well away from heat sources. Check the water level daily. Keep small

children and large pets away from the tree.

Never use candles on the tree. Prior to putting electric lights on it, inspect each string to make sure there are no cracked or broken sockets and they are working properly. Discard those sets of lights that have frayed or have bare wires.

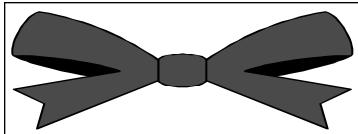
If purchasing lights, look for a label or tag bearing approval by a recognized laboratory or testing company. Never purchase or use indoor lights or indoor extension cords for outdoor displays.

When you leave your home or go to bed, turn off all your holiday lights in order to avoid acidents related to short circuits or overheating.

Properly dispose of your tree soon after the holidays - before it dries out.

Don't hang decorations on or around your fireplace if you intend to use it. When using your fireplace, make sure the flue is open, a spark screen is in place and that the matches are stored in a fireproof container well out of reach of children.

For more information, call the fire prevention office at Ext. 23372.



8th Air Force message

During this holiday season, I want to send a special message of thanks to the warriors of the "Mighty Eighth."

I'm extremely proud of each of you! As America's warriors, you know better than any that our true aim is not war, but peace.

Whether deployed to various 'garden spots' around the world or working extended hours to keep the home station running, you put yourselves on the line every day. I know you'd often rather be home with your families, but you've stepped up to some tough challenges. I admire the selflessness of the professional men and women throughout 8th Air Force who continue to shoulder the load without complaint.

For those of us fortunate enough to be able to spend these holidays with family and friends, we should reflect on and be thankful for all of our blessings. I encourage you to offer a prayer for the safe return of colleagues who are deployed around the world. Please take the time to look after their families - they need our support now more than ever.

America is indeed fortunate to have dedicated professionals like you on our team. With worldwide instability, high operations tempo and shrinking budgets now the norm, you continue to amaze me with your resilience, flexibility and dedication. Every day, I see you putting service before self.

Isincerely appreciate what you do and I know our nation also feels a profound gratitude. You are helping to fulfill a sacred pledge – to keep our nation the greatest force in the world for peace and freedom, for security and prosperity. The defense of our nation has never been a 9-to-5 job and thanks to your service, Americans may celebrate this holiday season in safety and security. God Bless America!

Lt. Gen. Phillip J. Ford Commander, 8thAir Force



Lajes Team Player



TSgt. Guido Leguizamon <u>Unit</u> - 65th Mission Support Squadron

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How do you contribute to the <u>Team Lajes mission</u> - I contribute by providing translation of personnel programs and policies to the base populace.

<u>Like least about Lajes</u> - The long, windy, rainy days.

<u>Like most about Lajes</u> - Being able to join in with the Portuguese people and experience their culture.



Col. Rod Gibson, 65th Air Base Wing Commander, presents DP2 David White, U.S. Forces Azores Joint Staff, with a certificate of appreciation.



The Action Line is your tool to help Team Lajes. However, before you call, try to resolve your issue through the appropriate agency. You may remain anonymous, but for a direct answer, please leave your name and phone number. Items of base wide interest will be published. Use the following numbers to help solve problems through base agencies.

Family support	23122	AAFES manager	23209	
Commissary	26124	Hospital	23615	
Civil engineer	26113	Housing	26251	
Chaplain	23411	CE customer service desk	23335	
Security police	26114	Telephone service desk	119	
Supply squadron	23832	TMO inbound	25168	
TMO outbound	24213	Personnel flight	23612	
Services	21322/beeper 169-1174			
Action Line	24240			

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Portuguese shopping

Why do we open the exchange to all Portuguese right before Christmas? I'm new here and can't figure out why we'd do this when it's hard enough to get what we need as it is.

With the holiday season comes perhaps the oldest Lajes tradition, the Portuguese shopping days. This is a gesture of good will from the U.S. Forces Azores commander to all Portuguese workers on the base. The labor contract authorizes Portuguese employees in selected pay grades limited BX privileges during the year. In December the commander may authorize U.S. FORAZ Portuguese employees and their spouses access to the BX. This 40-year old tradition continues this year as we have selected Dec. 18-20 as the designated shopping days.

These three days require a few minor adjustments from customers and BX staff. These days are not exclusively for Portuguese. Anyone with exchange privileges is welcome. The only difference will be more customers and longer delays at the registers. The exchange will be staffed with as many people as possible to expedite checkouts. Just imageine you're at a stateside shopping center the day after Thanksgiving and expect to wait a little longer.

For those who haven't experienced this event, it's hectic. But it's small thanks to the Portuguese workers who deliver your furniture or repair the leaky faucet in your bathroom. This is an act of gratitude for the

operators who run the morale calls and the folks who process your POVs and any of the myriad of people who go virtually unnoticed and unrecognized as members of Team Lajes.

Wing makes 90 days DUI free

Congratulations to the men and women of Team Lajes. As of last weekend we have officially completed more than 90 days DUI free here at Lajes.

I cannot overemphasize the importance and magnitude of that milestone. Many people are going out of their way to keep the streak going From security forces assistance to the volunteer-run courtesy van at the dub, this has been a team effort.

Keep up the good work and take care of each other. But remember, it is only personal responsibility that will keep us DUI free.

> Col. Rod Gibson, 65th ABW Commander

Teens take over airwaves *Bland 96FM hands reins to high schoolers*

SrA. Alex PattonDet. 6, Armed
Forces Network, Lajes

One thing nearly every adult has in common is a love of music. Teenagers of today are no different, and while adults reflect back on the music they listened to and remember names like the Beatles and Michael Jackson, today's youth favor music from Aqua, Leann Rimes, Puff Daddy and Third Eye Blind. The music teens like has been proven to be a refection of how they feel and it reflects their desire to have a voice.

Lajes teens have found a way to express themselves with the help of Island 96.1 FM which is opening up its airwaves Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to noon for a two-hour, teen special.

The hosts of the special will be teens from the base Department of Defense Dependents Schools to include Antonio Ribeiro and Brigitte Wetz.

In addition to music with a holiday feel, students like Jonathan Allamani, Celetia Daniels, Holly VanLiere, Brad Henry and Nina Allamani will add commentaries and information about the school.

Getting the show together and organized has involved both outgoing and incoming radio chiefs SSgt. Valerie Bolejack and SSgt. George Mauer, respectively.

In addition to AFN staff, Danette Patton from the base volunteer resource program office and Rickie Crum of the teen center, along with Teresa Walch of DoDDS have worked to keep the teens informed while working up to the big show.

"This is another opportunity for the teens at Lajes to become involved in something they enjoy," Walch said. "This is not only exciting for the teens who will be broadcasting, but also for the base community who will be listening."

If all goes well with the special, the teens could become a regular fixture on Island 96.1 FM.



I've heard about a big fair going on in Lisbon this summer - what is it called and what's it all about?

The 1998 Lisbon World Exposition (EXPO '98), will be held from May 22 to Sept. 30, in East Lisbon by the River Tagus. The exposition's theme will be "The Oceans, a Heritage for the Future," whose objective is to make the world's population sensitive to the importance of the oceans, namely the need to preserve their ecological balance to avoid the threat of the rapid destruction of their life and resources.

This will be the last world exposition of the 20th century and it will offer a range of cultural and entertainment events. During the exposition's 132 days there will be more than 5,000 national and international performances in all artistic areas, which will give visitors a taste of the Portuguese and international culture.

One of the EXPO '98 highlights will be an Oceanarium, which will be known as the Oceans Pavilion. It is a giant aquarium that will recreate the flora and fauna of the oceans. It will be the largest in Europe and the second largest in the world. The aquarium will feature a central tank with a volume of more than 6,000 cubic meters of water. This is equal to four-Olympic-size swimming pools.

The central tank will contain all the fauna found in the high seas, ranging from shoals of sardines to tuna, sharks and a wide variety of other species. In addition, there will be four smaller aquariums which will depict the Antarctic (with penguins and seals), a coral reef in the Indian Ocean, the Pacific and the Azores in the Atlantic with its variety of fish species and sea birds.

EXPO '98 officials expect that the Oceanarium will be one of Lisbon's greatest attractions.

So far more than 132 countries and six international organizations and several companies have confirmed their presence.

For ticket information contact the central ticketing office at (01)



8680426, Fax (01) 8681800 or E-mail <u>ticketing@expo98.pt.</u> Further information concerning this international exposition can be found at the following internet address: <u>www.expo98.pt</u>



Your services support behind volunteer's child care

Anne Tanyeri 65th Services Division

Most people probably figure that "Uncle Sam" is paying the bill when they see the donuts and coffee at the base orientation program.

You might wonder where the funds come from to pay for a free base picnic for the whole community. Maybe you think all the items in the lending closet at family services are paid for out of those same dollars from Congress.

Actually, none of the dollars for these programs come from Congress. They come directly from you, the military member and others in the military community who use the services division activities.

The 65th Services Division is run like a business. The people who work in services don't own the company. They just manage it for you.

When you use services activities, any profits earned by the 'company' are poured back into the military community. You are the shareholders and these programs all pay dividends back to you.

Let's take a look at how the process works. When you enjoy a meal at the club, the first thing that happens is that money is taken out to pay for the food and all the related costs. Then the salaries of the people who cook and serve the food are paid. Of course, the initial investment in

kitchen equipment, china and silverware has to be paid off slowly. And there are other overhead costs.

After that's all paid for, there should be money left over. So, what happens to that money? It's given back to you in the form of dividends, such as those mentioned above.

One of the major dividends that services pays for, on most bases, is free child care for base volunteers to offset the cost of volunteering for those who have children. The family support center and the American Red Cross run the program.

Services division budgets a certain amount of dollars per year, based on need and the availability of funds. Volunteers can then use the child development center and, in some cases, family day care providers to care for their children at no cost to them. This way people who might not normally be able to afford to volunteer can.

This can be a win-win situation for everyone. Volunteering has benefits for the volunteer. More than that, however, most military bases could not get along without the thousands of volunteers who give countless hours of their lives to our communities.

The next time you have dinner at the club, or bowl a couple of frames, you are making it possible for services to support those programs which support you.





Base librarian Barbara Newton helps a customer out with one of the computer research stations. The library's computers now allow access to hundreds of volumes of research material, the internet and the 'card' catalog.

SSgt. Rosaire Bushey Editor

How to renovate a library:

- 1. Have a goal
- 2. Have a source of cash
- 3. Get some people to help
- 4. Start working

For Barbara Newton, base librarian, the goal of renovating the base library has kept her busy for more than three years - and cost more than \$400,000.

From the outside the building isn't significantly different from this time two years ago - new windows and a door are about the only changes Inside, however, is a different story.

Since 1996 the library has been turned from a repository for old reference and reading books to a state of the art sanctuary for people pursuing professional and higher education goals - as well as a repository for up-to-date high and low-tech reading and reference materials.

"When we started these projects we wanted a better environment for people to use as well as better equipment and resources for their use," Newton said.

To that end \$185,000 was spent on the windows and door as well as ceiling fans and new restroom facilities. The Lajes Tri-Service Top 3 also chipped in by building a children's area and a roof replacement is currently in the design stages.

But after the cosmetics are accounted for its what's inside a library that makes people want to open the door in the first place - and the door to the Lajes library is thrown wide often.

Although there seems to be less shelving than two years ago, there isn't a marked decrease in the number of volumes on the shelves. "In 1996 we got rid of more than 14,000 obsolete volumes," Newton said. "Since then we've replaced most of those titles with updated books or new work." While there is still a lot of work left to do, especially in the non fiction section, Newton said the restocking efforts are moving along well.

"One of the most important things we've managed to do here during our renovations is something the general public will probably never notice," she said. "Our volunteers also helped us achieve an Air Combat Command first by being the only library in the command which elected to pursue in-house conversion of all our resources," she said. The efforts included bar coding and security stripping more than 20,000 volumes. Our audio-visual collection still has to be converted into the data base. "Largely through the efforts of more than 1,800 volunteer hours last fiscal year, we've managed to do a 100-percent inventory of our items during the conversion process-something that hasn't been done here in more than a decade." The conversion process, which took more than 15 months, found that as of 1995 more than 85 percent of our non-fiction collection was published before 1982.

To help students who are pursuing their professional military or higher education goals, the library has added several enhancements in its high-tech resource section as well as an adults 18-and-over only study room.

"With the integrated library system, we've eliminated the bulky, hard to update card catalog we had previously, but we're still working to make library access available through home and office computers - that's our goal," Newton explained.





Dan Fey, a contractor with SMS Data, goes over the operations of a 21-CD server with Barbara Newton. The server will help people find research data.



The internet makes the base library a world-wide reference center. A bank of computers is being set up for internet use and as a computer lab.

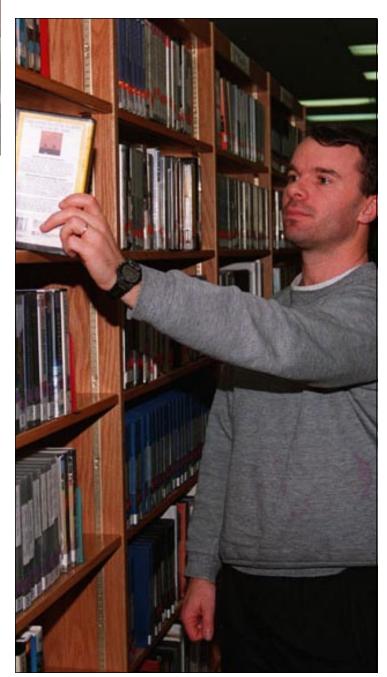
Thirty stand-alone compact discs as well as nearly a dozen network CDs are also in place and by early January Newton expects to see a nine-CD networked product replace ProQuest for periodical research.

"When we're finished we'll have about 14 networked computers, many with internet access as well as access to more than 500 research and educational databases," Newton said.

The efforts for both adults pursuing higher education and children have paid off not only for the customers, but the staff as well. The library staff received a team Superior Performer Award during April's Quality Air Force Assessement inspection and received a visit from the first lady, Hillary Rodham-Clinton. Clinton said that she was impressed with the verbal and reading skills she witnessed from Lajes' children during her visit.

"We're very proud of what we've accomplished over the last couple of years and we've still got some long-term goals we'd like to see happen," Newton said.

With the results obvious at the library now, it's not hard to believe that following a simple process, Newton and her staff can make their goals reality for everyone.



A customer goes through the low-tech end of the library - bookshelves. Despite clearing out thousands of volumes of old material, Newton says the library has nearly as many volumes as it had before renovations began - and more are on the way.



BAH to re*p*la*c*e *BAQ, VHA*

A new housing allowance system called the basic allowance for housing takes effect Jan. 1 as part of the 1998 National Defense Authorization Act. BAH is a monthly housing payment, replacing the current basic allowance for quarters and variable housing allowance.

The intent of the new allowance is to provide uniformed service members with housing compensation based on comparable civilian housing costs. BAH rates take into consideration rank, dependency status (with or without dependents) and location. The rates are based on housing costs for civilians with comparable income levels residing in the same area.

Question: Why do we need a new housing allowance system?

Answer: The old allowance system couldn't keep up with rising housing costs, and members were being forced to pay more out-of-pocket money than originally intended. Congress intended that 15 percent of housing costs come out of pocket. Current out-of-pocket costs are about 20 percent. Changes to BAH are tied

to housing costs growth, thus protecting people from further out-of-pocket increases over time.

Question: Will I see a big change in my housing allowance Jan. 1?

Answer: No. Most people will not see dramatic increases or decreases because changes will be phased in over six years. This transition period was set up to keep reductions gradual. Compared to the current BAQ plus VHA, the new housing allowances will increase in expensive housing locations around the nation and decrease in medium- to low-cost housing areas.

One good point is that junior enlisted people are expected to receive increases at most locations. A grandfathering provision, known as rate protection, will prevent reductions in housing allowances as long as airmen remain at their current duty station and have no change in their dependency status.

Question: How do I know the new BAH rates will be fair?

Answer: The new BAH is designed to en-

sure service people of the same grade and dependency status can afford the same level of housing with the same monthly out-of-pocket expense at any location.

For example, if the out-of-pocket cost for a typical staff sergeant with dependents is \$100, noncommissioned officers of that grade can expect to pay \$100 out of pocket for similar housing no matter where assigned (high-, medium- or low-cost housing location). BAH is designed so lower pay grades will have lower out-of-pocket costs than senior grades.

For a given person, the actual out-of-pocket expense will be greater or lower than the typical \$100 in the example, based on their actual choice of housing. For example, if a member chooses a bigger or more expensive residence than is typical for their civilian counterpart with comparable salary at that location, that person may have larger out-of-pocket expenses. The opposite is true for individuals who choose to occupy smaller or less expensive residences. (Courtesy of Air Force News Service)

DOD to start mandatory anthrax immunizations

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—A systematic vaccination of all U.S. military personnel against the biological warfare agent anthrax will start next summer.

The Department of Defense announced the program Monday, capping a three-year study. Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen concluded the vaccination is the safest way to protect highly mobile U.S. military forces against a potential threat that is 99 percent lethal to unprotected people.

The anthrax vaccine will initially be administered to about 100,000 military people assigned or deployed to the high-threat areas of Southwest Asia and Northeast Asia. Within the next several years it will be given to all activeduty people and reservists.

"This is a force-protection issue," Cohen said. "To be effective, medical force protection must be comprehensive, well documented and consistent. I have instructed the military to put such a program in place."

Vaccinations would start only after several conditions are met:

- Supplemental testing, consistent with Food and Drug Administration standards, to assure sterility, safety, potency and purity of the vaccine.
- Implementation of a system for tracking people who receive the anthrax vaccinations.

- Approval of appropriate operational plans to administer the immunizations and communications plans to inform military people of the overall program.
- Review of health and medical issues of the program by an independent expert.

"Our goal is to vaccinate everybody in the force so they will be ready to deploy anywhere, anytime," explained Deputy Secretary of Defense John Hamre, who will monitor implementation of the program. "This is an important new dimension to overall force protection. The anthrax vaccination will join other immunizations we already give everyone in the military."

The anthrax vaccine is FDA-licensed and exhibits fewer side effects than flu or typhoid vaccines. It has been widely used in the United States since the early 1970s by livestock workers and veterinarians. The military now immunizes people working in at-risk jobs, some 3,000 persons assigned to special operations units, the Army Technical Escort Unit and the Marine Chemical-Biological Initial Response Force.

Anthrax is a disease that normally afflicts animals, especially cattle and sheep. Anthrax spores can be produced in a dry form that can be incorporated into weapons. When inhaled by humans, these particles cause severe pneumonia and death within a week. At least 10

countries have or are suspected of developing a biological warfare capability.

DOD will immediately begin consultations with Congress and other federal government agencies and will brief military people. Vaccinations for the first group of people who serve in or would deploy early to the high-threat areas are planned to begin in mid-1998.

Defense officials have reviewed an implementation program with the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the last year. The immunization program follows the recommendation of Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The immunization program will consist of a series of six inoculations per service member over an 18-month period, followed by an annual booster. Although protection levels increase as shots in the series are given; the entire six-shot series is required for full protection.

Even though the plan has been reviewed extensively in the Pentagon, Cohen directed that it be independently assessed before implementation by Dr. Gerald N. Burrow of Yale University, who serves as special advisor to the Yale president for health affairs.

"We owe it to our people to move ahead with this immunization plan," Cohen said. "But we also want to make sure that our overall immunization program is safe and effective."

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This week James Faircloth took first-place honors with an 11-4 record beating out John Hamilton by 3 points on Monday night's game. He'll receive a Superbowl XXXI mug courtesy of the 65th Services Division. Random prize winners were **Angel Torrell** and **Gary Jackson**, who will each receive prizes courtesy of Services; and **Daron Hampton** who gets a T-shirt from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service New Car Sales division.

Winners can pick up their prizes at public affairs, Bldg T-100. **Prizes not claimed within two weeks will be redistributed.**

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Complete standings after 16 weeks:

Cor	nplete standings after 10	ó weeks:	
Ran		W	L
1	Chris Coleman	146	77
	David Conley		
	Carmen Gonzalez		
4	Charlene Longley	144	79
5	Daron Hampton	141	82
	Mikell Wetzell		
	James Faircloth		
	Antonio Ribeiro		
9	Bradley Mangan	140	83
	Debra Huntley		
	Randy Bialcik		
12	Doc Russell	139	84
	John Thurmon		
	Tracy Bigsby		
	Larry Veltman		
	Tina Sweet		
17	Rod Gibson	138	85
	John Hamilton		
19	Parry Campbell	137	86
	Jessie Miles		
	Brian Ackerman		
	Nettie Paulus		
	Jim Reinhardt		
	Leonard Turner		
	Thomas Young Jr.		
	Henry Gonzalez		
27	Jennifer Brownmiller	136	87
	Steve Cominsky		
29	Scott Thomsen	135	88
30	Cornelius Moore	134	89
	Matt Gross		
	Jason McQueen		
	Jeffrey Bone		
	Gary Sweet		
	Judy Hatfield		
36	Kevin Mathieu	133	90
	Sally Reinhardt		
	Chris Nick		
	Lancy Johnson		
40	Roy Longley	132	91

Jim Duval

45	Don Paulus Susan Pelletier Scott Astrosky Brian Shearer	131	92	80	Patricia Collins Lonny Smith Jay McLaren Michelle Mangan	123	100
	Matt O'Neal Liam Clancy Don Dawkins			84	Kurt Torrell Andrea Easley Rosaire Bushey	122	101
50	Clayton Shaffer Doug Hanson Eddie Jackson Tom Harmon Kevin Kenny James Lardon	130	93	87	Mary McKenzie Bruce Kraft Gary Brice Robert Mazany Okie Merry Dave Sutton	121	102
	Vernon Griggs Tina Huber			92	Carl Swartz Barry Yohnka	120	103
57	Ryan Brownmiller Louise Williams Paul Munnell	129	94	94	John Metzger Brandy DePietro Roger Brushaber	119	104
60	Thomas Cowsert Dave Miles	128	95	97	Gary Jackson Geoffrey Fischer	118	105
	AngelTorrell			99	Giorgio Cabrera	117	106
	Brian Evans	4.00	0.4	100	Cory Schall	116	107
64	Ryan Plunkett Miriam Fleming	127	96	102	Cory Thompson Tammy Kennedy	114	109
66	Doug Amundson	126	97	102	Kim Jacks	113	110
67	Jeanne Amundson Doreen Thomsen	125	98	100	Dennis Wengert Howard Helton	110	110
	Shelly Plunkett Davey Johnston Carol McGraw			106	Shiela Kowalewski Barbara LeBlanc Dane McKenzie	112	111
	James Steely Hank Kennedy			109	Emerita Lardon Tanya Astrosky	111	112
74	William Merry Jonathan Hull	124	99	111	Julie Shaffer Irene Moore	108	115
	Ron Holland			113	Dave Hicks	107	116
	Tim Dinnean			114	Francisco Nogueira	106	117
	Angie Kraft			115	Rebecca Mosley	96	97

Briefly

Gift certificates

Massage therapy gift certificates are available for \$35 for a one-hour session. Call Ext. 28755.

Bike training camp

The Lajes Fat Tire Bicycle Club will sponsor a mountain bike training camp. People under 18 years of age must have parental permission. Participants will view a video and then learn tips prior to riding local trails. Bikes are available but limited. Call Ext. 28755 for more information.

Sports notes

- An invitational raquetball tournament will be held Jan. 25 from noon to 6 p.m.
- A racquetball coaches meeting will be held Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. in the community center.
 - A meeting for the coaches of unit intra-

mural chess teams will be held Jan. 13 at 10 a.m. in the community center. The season begins Jan. 20.

• The Sports Zone, located in the Chace Fitness Center carries the following items: Color graphic T-shirts, engraving plaques, X-Press Design, gift items and a wide selection of sports apparel.

For more information on any sports notes item, call Ext. 25151.

Aerobics schedule

The following aerobics classes will be held at the Chace Fitness Center:

- Monday through Friday noon to 1 p.m., classes started Monday.
 - · Monday and Wednesday 6 to 7 p.m.,

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Saturday

Lunch: Hamburger parmesan, fried and baked chicken and grilled ham

Dinner: Spaghetti with meat sauce, roast fresh ham and turkey spinach delight.

Sunday

Lunch: Meatloaf, pepperoni pizza and

curried chicken with brown rice

Dinner: Jaegerschnitzel, turkey curry and healthy heart chili mac.

Monday

Lunch: Peixe assado, baked fish, pepper

steak and spaghetti with

meat balls.

Dinner: Sukiyaki, szechwan chicken and

manicotti.

Tuesday

Lunch: Pimentoes rocheados, stuff peppers, Italian sausage and

spaghetti.

Dinner: Salisbury steak, roast turkey and

herbed baked spinach.

Wednesday

Lunch: Tacos, turkey and noodles and

beef and bean stew.

Dinner: Barbecue beef cubes, oven fried fish and broccoli and turkey

casserole

Thursday

Main meal

Shrimp cocktail, roast beef, roast turkey, baked him, giblet gravy, natural pan gravy, savory bread dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, buttered corn, assorted breads, salads, pastries and beverages.

Dec. 26

Lunch: Chicken alcatra, Italian sausage

and turkey pasta

Dinner: El rancho stew, veal cube

parmesan and beef cordon bleu.

(Note: Menu subject to change without notice. Daily hotline menu: Ext. 24248.)

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classes begin Dec. 22.

• Saturday - 1 to 2 p.m., classes started Mon-

Equipment classes

The fitness center staff will be giving instructions on the proper use of exercise equipment beginning Jan. 12 and every Monday after from 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, call Ext.

Triathlon team needed

People interested in forming a U.S. Forces Azores triathlon team should call SrA. Dean Gracey. Training will begin immediately for triathlons to be held in Angra and Praia. Events consist of 750-meter swims, 20-kilometer bike rides and 5k runs. People interested in racing with the USFORAZ road cycling team can train all winter and race from April through August. Call Ext. 28755 for information on either event.

Carry out open

The carry-out store from the back of the old club closes Dec. 28. The store will re-open Jan. 2 at the outdoor recreation building, T-319. For more information, call Ext. 24140.

Bowling practice

The Hillside Lanes offer discount practice cards - adults get 25 games for \$20 and youth get 25 games for \$13.75. Call Ext. 26169.

Community center notes

- Single elimination pool tournament Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Prizes for first and second place.
- CC tours offers a trip to Graciosa Feb. 16 to 19. The last day to sign up is Jan. 10.
- The center hosts an arcade tournament every Thursday at 7 p.m. Featured games for January are: Jan. 8 - Virtual Fighter; Jan. 15 -Killer Instinct; Jan. 23 - Neo Geo; and Jan. 30

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- · Cottage H-201A, two bedrooms with potential upstairs space for child's room, living room, kitchen and large outdoor shed with lawn mower. End unit of tri-plex with fullwrap fenced yard. Lots of extras. New paint and improvements completed in 1997, \$5,000 OBO, call Ext. 28454 or 22369.
- FREE cat. She's a stray we think was abandoned. We've had her fixed but she can't move in with us. Very loveable, affectionate and litter trained - all she needs is a home. Excellent lap cat who is good with people. Call Ext. 28454.
- Be in a cozy cottage for Christmas. Three bedroom, one bath, complete with fireplace and newly renovated kitchen and bath. Lots of storage space and fenced-in yard just outside hospital gate. Call Ext. 28210 or 24134.
- Cottage, H-165, \$7,800 OBO, available Dec. 31. Must see - all offers considered and will owner finance. Call Ext. 28114.
- Thule trunk-mounted bicycle carrier, holds two bikes, \$50. Call Ext. 28469.
 - · New Bianchi mountain bikes starting

at \$275 and new Bianchi road bikes starting at \$580. Call Ext. 28755.

- Will fix bikes for free you pay for parts only. Call Ext. 28755.
- Snorkeling gear 6mm top and bottom wetsuit, mask with purge valve, snorkel, gloves, boots and fins, excellent for cold water, \$300. Call Greg at Ext. 23227 or 28081.
- 1993 PGO Comet 49cc scooter, \$600. Call Ext. 24205 or 57708.
- Cottage H-201C. Two bedrooms, one bath, new paint, ceiling fans, fenced yard, lots of storage space, \$4,800 OBO. Call Ext. 23239 or 28285.
- Cannon BJC 4200 bubble jet printer, one year old, runs great, \$150. Also, small bookshelf, nearly four feet tall, \$25. Call Ext. 23369 or 28454.
- 1989 Ford Escort GT, \$2,500 OBO, available Jan. 2. Inspection good through May 1999. Baby items for sale - infant bath tub, \$7; swing, \$20; hand crafted rocking chair with pads, \$100. All items are in likenew condition. Call Ext. 28114.

Classified ads run on a space available basis for two weeks.

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- Gun Fighter. Games are subject to change depending upon availability.
- · A table tennis tournament will be held Jan. 24 at 11 a.m. This is a single elimination tournament and prizes will be given for first and second place.
- Superbowl Bingo will be held Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. in the community center. More than \$10,000 in cash and prizes including a grand prize of a trip for two to the Superbowl is up for grabs. Call Ext. 24135 for information.
- Portuguese language classes begin Jan. 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The six week course is taught every Tuesday and Thursday and cost
- Services offers a special four-hour skating session Monday, Dec. 29 and 30 from 7 to 11 p.m. for \$2.

Library notes

• Storytime is held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the library and volunteers are needed to help during storytime hours. For more in-

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Tip of the Week

Courtesy - Lajes First Sergeant's Council

Don't you hate it when you get mustache hairs in your food while eating? Here's a clue, your mustache probably needs a trim. If the hairs are sticking over your lip far enough to be a nuisance, then it's out of regulation. Don't be afraid of your scissors, they're your friend. Stay safe, stay happy, and most of all stay in standards. Remember, you represent us all.

Protestant schedule

Saturday — 6:18 p.m. -

Noon Gospel service



Saturday — 5 p.m. Mass



Thought for the Week

"Virtue makes a mation great, by sin whole races are dispared.

Proverbs 14:34

formation, call Ext. 23688.

- · The reference library is offering the following orientation tours:
- Jan. 8, 7 p.m., learn how to search for information using the Ebsco Academic Search and other CD based resources.
- Jan. 15, 7 p.m., learn how to use CD based programs like the Social Issues Research Series and the SIRS government reporter.
- Jan. 22, 7 p.m., learn how to research using internet browsers, sites and search engines.
- Jan. 29, 7 p.m., learn how to use FirstSearch's 60 on-line databases.

To celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the library will have bibliographies available before and after the holiday. The library will be closed

Lodging

People interested in reserving a room at lodging for new year's eve can get a TLF suite for \$35 and VOQ/VAQ for \$17. Don't drink and drive, call Ext. 23683.

Positions available

The following positions are available through the human resources office - call Ext. 25200 for more information on any of the following positions:

- Waiter/supervisor at the club
- Recreational aid at the skills development center
- Lifeguard. (Certification classes begin in May for the summer 1998 season.)

Carry out moves

The carry out store from the back of the old

club will close Dec. 28 and reopen Jan. 2 at outdoor recreation in Bldg. T-319. For more ifnormation, call Ext. 24140.

Youth notes

- · The youth center sponsors a photo session Jan. 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. for appointments and 1 to 3 p.m. for walk-ins. Call Ext. 21197 for more information.
- The teen center sponsors a bowling night Jan. 3 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Bowling night is for teens in grades 7 through 12 and there is
- · The teen center will have a cook-out fund raiser Jan. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Oceanview Park. The cost is \$3 per plate.
- The teen center will have an outing to the Angra indoor swimming pool Jan. 17 from 7 to 10:30 p.m. for children 6 and older. The cost is \$2 for memebers and \$4 for non-members. A permission slip is required by Jan. 12.
- The teen center will have a teen skate at the skating rink Jan. 9 from 7 to 11 p.m. for teens in grades 7 through 12. The cost is \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members. Call Ext. 23273 for details.
- A checkers tournament will be held Jan. 24 from 8 p.m. to midnight for teens in grades 7 through 12. Prizes will be awarded.
- Basketball night will be held Jan. 10 from 8 p.m. until midnight for teens in grades 7 through 12. The event will be held at the youth center. Call Ext. 23273 for more information.
- There will be an LYP social at the Angra indoor swimming pool Jan. 30 from 7 to 10:30 p.m. for ages 6 and up. A permission slip is required by Jan. 28 and the cost is \$3 for members and \$4.50 for non-members.

Hours of operation Continued from Page 1

• Chace Fitness Center

Dec. 22 and Jan. 2, 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 24 and 31, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 26, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sports Zone

Dec. 22 and 26, closed; Dec. 24 and 31, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Jan. 2, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Flight kitchen

Regular hours during holidays. Midnight meal is served 10:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Tradewinds Dining Facility

Dec. 22, 24, 31 and Jan. 2, regular hours; Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1, holiday hours.

• Upper & lower exchanges

Dec. 23, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Shoppette

Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Dec. 31, 10 a.m.

to 6 p.m.; Jan. 1, noon to 8 p.m.

Dec. 24 all AAFES facilities not mentioned will close at 2 p.m. All AAFES facilities are closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 and open for regular hours Dec. 26. On Dec. 31 all facilities not mentioned are open for regular hours.

The Crossroads will not be published the week of Jan. 26. The next issue will be available Jan. 2

CROSSROADS Dec. 19, 1997

Movies p.m. unless indicated. Movies are subject to change without notice. Call Ext. 23302 for information. (V= violence; S=sex; D=drug use; L=language)

Saturday

Seven Years in Tibet PG-13 (V) 139 min

Sunday

Most Wanted R (V•L) 99 min

· Brad Pitt and David Thewlis. A mountain climber in Tibet in 1939 winds up as a prisoner of war and sent to a camp in India where he escapes and returns to Tibet.

· Keenan Ivory Wayans, Jon Voight. A sharpshooter is set up as the killer of the First Lady. He must use his survival skills to elude the massive manhunt tracking him through L.A.

Monday

L.A. Confidential $R (V \cdot L \cdot S)$ 138 min

· Kevin Spacey and Kim Bassinger. Three policemen become victims of the corruption of early 1950's Los Ange-

Tuesday Kiss the Girls

 $R(V \cdot L)$ 117 min.

• Morgan Freeman and Ashley Judd. A District of Columbia cop searches for his niece who has dissappeared.

Wednesday

Most Wanted R (V•L) 99 min

• See Sunday for details.

Thursday

Closed for Christmas!

Dec. 26

Movies all day at the theater "The Edge" 1p.m "The Game" 4 p.m. "In and Out" 7 p.m.

- For details on movies playing Dec. 26, call the theater at Ext. 23302.
- Dec. 26 is dollar bonus day all movies cost \$1 each.

SATURDAY

0900 Aaahh! Real Monsters

0930 Eerie, Indiana

1000 Nova

1200 Headline News

1230 Navy Marine Corps News

1300 NBA Basketball - Miami at Philadelphia

1530 Headline News

1600 WWF Superstars

1700 Soul Train 1800 Headline News

1830 NFL Football - Bills at

Packers

2130 Headline News

2200 NFL Football - Rams at Panthers

SUNDAY

0100 Saturday Night Live

0230 Videolinks

0300 Roxanne

0500 Headline News 0530 Outreach Of Love

0600 Real Videos

0630 Hour of Power

0700 Spoken Word Christmas

0730 Quigley's Village Christmas

0800 Hollywood Christmas Parade

1000 Christmas on Division Street

1130 America's Funniest Videos

1200 Headline News 1230 Air Force TV News

1300 ESPN College Basketball -Tulsa at Kentucky

1500 ESPN NASCAR Rear View Mirror

1600 WCW Wrestling

1700 NFL Football: Colts at Vikings

2000 NFL Football: Jets at Lions

2300 Headline News

2330 Wall Street Journal Report

MONDAY

0000 Computer Chronicles

0030 America's Black Forum

0100 Austin City Limits

0200 Friday Night

0300 Headline News

0330 CNN/SI

0400 NBC Meet the Press

0500 Sesame Street

0600 Muppet Babies

0630 Kiana's Flex Appeal

0700 Sesame Street

0800 Muppet Babies

0830 Kiana's Flex Appeal

0900 Oprah Winfrey

1000 Port Charles

1030 Guiding Light -

1100 General Hospital

1200 Headline News

1230 Wheel Of Fortune

1300 Today

1500 What a Mess

1530 Frosty's Winter Wonderland

1600 Captain Planet

1630 All That

1700 Jeopardy!

1730 ESPNews

1800 Headline News/News 8 1830 Navy Marine Corps News

1900 60 Minutes

2000 Murphy Brown

2030 Frasier

2100 New York Undercover

2200 Headline News

2220 News 8

2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno

2330 ESPN Monday Prime

TUESDAY

0100 ABC Monday Night Football

- Patriots at Dolphins

0400 Headline News

0430 NBC Nightly News

0500 Sesame Street

0600 Fraggle Rock

0630 Fitness Beach

0700 Sesame Street

0800 Fraggle Rock

0830 Fitness Beach

0900 Montel Williams

1000 Port Charles

1030 Guiding Light

1100 General Hospital

1200 Headline News

1230 Wheel Of Fortune

1300 Today

1500 JackFrost

1600 Bill Nye the Science Guy

1630 Saved By the Bell 1700 Jeopardy!

1730 ESPNews

1800 Headline News/News 8

1830 CNN Showbiz Today

1900 Sliders

2000 Scrooged

2200 Headline News

2220 News 8 2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno

2330 Late Show with David Letterman

WEDNESDAY

0030 CNN Showbiz Today

0100 Headline News

0130 ESPN College Basketball -Connecticut at

Massachusetts 0330 ESPN College Basketball -

Illinois at Missouri

0530 CNN/SI

0600 ABC World News Tonight

0630 NBC Nightly News 0700 Christmas Eve on Sesame

Street

0800 Barney and Friends

0830 Body Shaping

0900 Oprah Winfrey

1000 Port Charles

1030 Guiding Light

1100 General Hospital

1200 Headline News

1230 Wheel Of Fortune

1300 Today

1500 Life with Louie

1530 Madeline

1600 Power Rangers ZEO

1630 Rugrat's Hanukah Special

1700 Jeopardy! 1730 ESPNews

1800 Headline News/News 8

1830 CNN Showbiz Today

1900 Christmas inWashington

2000 Beverly Hills 90210

2100 Melrose Place

2200 Headline News

2220 News 8

2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno 2330 Late Show with David Letterman

THURSDAY

0030 Showbiz Today

0100 I'll Be Home For Christmas 0300 Born Yesterday

0500 Headline News

0530 CNN/SI

0600 ABC World News Tonight

0630 NBC Nightly News

0700 Elmo Saves Christmas

0800 Fraggle Rock

0830 Fitness Beach

0900 Montel Williams

1000 U.S. Navy Band Concert 1130 Burt Wolf's Gatherings

1200 Headline News

1230 Wheel Of Fortune

1300 Today 1500 The First Christmas Snow

1530 Goof Troops

1600 Tiny Toons Christmas 1630 Crystal Cathedral

Christmas Eve 1730 ESPNews

1800 ABC College Football Blue/

Gray All-Star Game 2130 ABC College Football -Aloha Bowl - Michigan State vs. Washington

Dec. 26

0100 In the Line of Fire

0300 The Substitute Wife

0500 Headline News

0530 CNN/SI

0600 CBS Evening News 0630 NBC Nightly News

0700 Sesame Street

0800 Barney and Friends 0830 Kiana's Flex Appeal

0900 Oprah Winfrey

1000 Port Charles

1030 Guiding Light -1100 General Hospital

1200 Headline News

1230 Wheel Of Fortune 1300 Today

1500 Tailspin

1530 Beethoven

1600 Batman 1630 Space Cases

1700 Jeopardy!

1730 ESPNews

1800 Headline News/News 8 1830 CNN Showbiz Today

1900 Nick Freno 1930 King of the Hill

2000 Star Trek Deep Space Nine 2100 X-Files

2200 Headline News 2220 News 8

2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno 2330 Late Show with David Letterman

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